

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 682

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chancellor Tyrus "Ty" Cobb of Shelbyville, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Chancellor Tyrus "Ty" Cobb of Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cobb was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to ensure the administration of justice and equity under the law throughout his illustrious tenure on the bench; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charity in Moore County, Tennessee, and a graduate of Moore County High School, he earned degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and Cumberland University Law School; he was also a veteran of the United States Army and a 32nd Degree Mason; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the Chancery Court, Ty Cobb served as a member of the House of Representatives in the 83rd and 84th General Assemblies (1963-1967); during his illustrious tenure he sponsored legislation that created the University of Tennessee Space Institute in Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, appointed in January 1979 to serve the remainder of an unexpired term on the Chancery Court of the 17th Judicial District, and elected thereafter to four consecutive terms with no opposition, Chancellor Cobb served with great ability, diligence, and respect for all people, earning the admiration of his peers on the bench, members of the bar appearing before his court, and the general public alike for the exemplary quality and fair-mindedness of his rulings and his great legal acumen; and

WHEREAS, acknowledged as a great mentor and a man of humble nature, Chancellor Cobb was a much respected member of the Shelbyville community; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cobb was also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed the loving

companionship of his wife of 39 years, Myrna Montgomery Cobb and was the proud father of Tyrus, Kimberly, and our colleague, Representative Curt Cobb; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Cobb leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in a public life devoted to the law, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional jurist and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Chancellor Tyrus "Ty" Cobb, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his accomplished career on the bench, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Chancellor Cobb.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.